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1. FRANK PRESS DELEGATION (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DELEGATION LED BY FRANK PRESS DEPARTED FOR PEKING ON SCHEDULE JULY 5. "TASS" TOOK NOTE OF THE PRESS DELEGATION'S CHINA VISIT WITH AN ARTICLE HEAD-LINED "ALONG A DANGEROUS COURSE," WHICH CHARGES THAT THE US IS ATTEMPTING TO GIVE PEKING ACCESS TO WESTERN TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING MILITARY TECHNOLOGY, AT A TIME WHEN THE PRC IS MODERNIZING ITS ARMED FORCES. THE ARTICLE ONCE AGAIN WARNS AGAINST ATTEMPTING TO PLAY "THE CHINA CARD."

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2. PRC PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

HAN HSU IS HOSTING ON JULY 16 A RECEPTION FOR THE PRC PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE TO WHICH YOU AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INVITED. I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE AGREED TO ATTEND THE JULY 18 WOLF TRAP PERFORMANCE. NSC STAFF

TELLS US THAT DR. BRZEZINSKI HAS ACCEPTED.

ANTI-PRC POSTERS READING "ABANDON DARKNESS AND TURN TO LIGHT," AND "WITHOUT FREEDOM THERE IS NO ART," ETC. WERE ON THE WALLS OF THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL IN NEW YORK AS THE TROUPE CAME DOWN TO BREAKFAST ON JULY 5. THE CHINESE DID NOT COMPLAIN.

3. TIBETAN DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE OFFICE OF TIBET IN NEW YORK IS INVOLVED IN PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 19. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH SY ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATION SINCE THE PRC PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE WILL BE IN TOWN AT THAT TIME.

4. PRC TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE US (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE JOINT EB/EA RECOMMENDATION THAT WE APPROACH THE PRC REGARDING ITS TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THIS COUNTRY. THE SECRETARY HAS CONCURRED. TIMING, HOWEVER, IS STILL UNSETTLED.

5. TRADE WITH PRC (UNCLASSIFIED)

US-PRC TRADE CONTINUES TO MOVE SHARPLY UPWARD, ACCORDING
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TO THE MOST RECENT FIGURES. BY MAY, TWO-WAY TRADE HAD REACHED DOLS. 300 MILLION, OVER TWICE THE MAY 1977 FIGURE. US EXPORTS TO THE PRC (DOLS. 160 MILLION) ARE ALREADY GREATER THAN THEY WERE FOR ALL OF 1976, AND WITHIN DOLS. 12 MILLION OF THE 1977 TOTAL.

6. CHINESE INTEREST IN OPEN PIT MINES (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE CHINESE APPARENTLY INTEND TO USE AMERICAN EXPERTISE TO HELP THEM DEVELOP TWO OPEN PIT MINING AREAS AND BENEFICIATE THE MINED IRON ORE TO THE PELLET STAGE. THE PROCESS AT TWO SITES COULD COST THE PRC AS MUCH AS DOLS. 500 MILLION. US STEEL AND BETHLEHEM STEEL HAVE EACH SENT GROUPS TO TECHNICAL SEMINARS IN PEKING, AND DELEGATIONS FROM MORRISON-KNUDSEN AND KAISER ENGINEERING ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE LATER THIS MONTH. NOW THE CHINESE HAVE INFORMED THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE THAT A 17-MAN DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN THE US AUGUST 10 FOR A THIRTY-SIX DAY ON-THE-SPOT LOOK AT US PROCESSES.

7. IBM COMPUTER FOR SHENYANG BLOWER WORKS (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE INTERAGENCY OPERATING COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED ISSUING
A LICENSE FOR IBM TO EXPORT A 370 SERIES COMPUTER TO THE
PRC FOR USE IN DESIGNING COMPRESSORS AT THE SHENYANG
BLOWER WORKS. THE CASE NOW GOES TO COCOM, A WEEK BEFORE
A SEVEN-MAN GROUP ARRIVES IN THE US FOR THEIR IBM TRAINING.

8. PRC INVITES GOVERNOR HARRIMAN (UNCLASSIFIED)

GOVERNOR HARRIMAN, WHO HAD TELEPHONED ME EARLIER TO SAY
THAT HE DID NOT, AFTER ALL, WANT MORE OF A BRIEFING ON
CHINA THAN YOU ALREADY HAD GIVEN HIM, MET WITH HAN HSU
ON JULY 5. HAN INVITED HARRIMAN TO VISIT THE PRC AT ANY
TIME. HARRIMAN SAID HE CAN'T GO THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE
ELECTIONS BUT WOULD THINK IN TERMS OF NEXT YEAR.
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